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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT :

Meeting with Dr. Wheelon 21 August.

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1. Presentation was made to Dr. Wheelon on current status of the follow on aircraft. In addition, some of the history of relations and activities with NRO were discussed.
2. Dr. Wheelon indicated that no further contracting be done until further consultations with him and additional program planning had been accomplished. In general, it appeared that Dr. Wheelon is in agreement with our position of last May regarding the need for general system "non-hardware" studies. The following actions have been requested by Dr. Wheelon:

- a. OPA is to prepare for presentation to DD/BAT in about two weeks a program plan for activities aimed at the

~~He indicated that if additional funds are needed over and above the [redacted] currently allocated that he would take steps to make these available if possible.~~

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- b. [redacted] of Gen. Greer's staff is to be asked to present on or about 15 September, information he has [redacted] proposals in hand, etc. [redacted] has been active in this field for NRO for approximately two years. Old and new proposals are desired; i.e., a total survey of his activities [redacted]

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- c. Subsequently, any and all interested contractors are to be asked to make presentations to our offices including Dr. Wheelon and his staff. These presentations are expected to be primarily verbal with some give and take discussions. Elaborate briefing charts are not needed. Proposal documents and back-up material may be left after the meeting. These meetings will be scheduled following visit.

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- d. Consideration shall be given to organizing a several-day seminar of various high-level people. The purpose of this seminar will be to develop a rational set of political and military considerations.

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Col. Giller suggested that the meetings and results of this type of seminar could usefully be assembled and written up by an organization such as IBA.

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3. A similar course of action will be undertaken at a later time with regard to the follow on aircraft. Dr. Wheelon indicated that he favored the 125,000 foot altitude, closed cycle aircraft engine.

I feel

that considerable analysis will be required prior to decision for the desired direction of development.

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(Special Activities)

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